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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE ON AMOCO DRILLING IN SUEZ GULF

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN DAILY GUMHURIYYA SEPTEMBER 10:
QUOTE: EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY IS TOTAL OVER HER TERRITORIAL
WATERS. OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SOURCES HAVE AFFIRMED THAT DRILLING
OPERATION ARE CONTINUING IN THE GULF OF SUEZ AND THAT EGYPT
DOES NOT ATTACH ANY IMPORTANCE TO ISRAELI ATTEMPTS TO CHALLENGE
THE DRILLING RIG THAT BELONGS TO THE AMERICAN COMPANY AMOCO,
WHICH IS UNDERTAKING OIL DRILLING IN THE WATERS OF THE GULF OF
SUEZ FOR EGYPT. THE EGYPTIAN SOURCES STATED THAT THE CURRENT
DISPUTE IS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN COMPANY AND ISRAEL AND THAT
EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER HER TERRITORIAL WATERS IS NOT SUBJECT
TO DEBATE. THESE SOURCES ALSO AFFIRMED THAT ISRAELI GUN BOATS
OPENED FIRE IN THE REGION (OF THE DRILLING) IN AN ATTEMPT TO
PREVENT THE AMERICAN DRILLING RIG FROM CONTINUING ITS DRILLING
OPERATIONS. UNQUOTE.

2. AMOCO MANGER CRAIG IS INFORMED LOCALLY-BASED
AMERICAN REPORTS THAT AMOCO OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUING
WITHOUT PROBLEMS. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES , EMBASSY HAS
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USED DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN RESPONSE AND AVOIDED ANY

COMMENT ON RECENT EVENTS OR ISSUES INVOLVED.

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